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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,  
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-31

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## **MINNESOTA FIRM RECALLS BEEF TRIM DUE TO POSSIBLE E. COLI O157:H7 CONTAMINATION**

WASHINGTON,— PM Beef Holdings, LLC, a Windom, Minn., establishment, is voluntarily recalling approximately 117,500 pounds of beef trim products used to make ground beef, due to possible contamination with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced.

The trim was produced on March 27, 2007 and was shipped to distributors and retail outlets in Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin. Because these products later became ground beef sold under many different retail brand names, consumers should check with their local retailer to determine whether they may have purchased any of the products subject to recall.

The products subject to recall include:

- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 85 TRIMMINGS, 30216085."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 90 TRIMMINGS, 30216090."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 95 TRIMMINGS, 30268295."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS OUTSIDE RND FLAT FOR USL, 30271092"
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 95 TRIMMINGS, 30568295."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS SHLD CLOD FOR USL, 30214092."
- Bulk boxes of "SUPERLEAN TRIMMINGS, 30340000."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS OUTSIDE RND FLAT FOR USL, 30571092."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS TRIMMINGS, 340072."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS SHLD CLOD FOR USL, 30514092."

- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 95 TRIMMINGS, 30571295."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 95 TRIMMINGS, 30271295."
- Bulk boxes of "BNLS CODE 95 TRIMMINGS, 30567295."
- Bulk boxes of "PREMIUM BEEF TRIM, 1240072"
- Bulk boxes of "BEEF TRIMMINGS – PREMIUM, 240072."
- Bulk boxes of "CHUCK TRIM – SPECIAL, 240080."
- Bulk boxes of "NR CHUCK TRIM, 340080."
- Bulk boxes of "CH PREMIUM TRIM, 78240072."
- Combo bin of "BNLS CODE 8 TRIMMINGS, 40030340080"
- Combo bin of "TESTED 80% LEAN TRIMMINGS, 4000030025"
- Combo bin of "BEEF TRIM CODE 5, 40000340050"
- Combo bin of "CODE 6 TRIM, 40000340865"

Each box bears the establishment number "Est. 683" as well as a net weight declaration. The possible contamination was discovered by the Minnesota Department of Health as part of an illness investigation.

E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. The very young, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness.

Media and consumers with questions about the recall should contact company Vice-President for Sales and Marketing John Hagerla at (507) 831-2761.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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